GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES OF FPI
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the ongoing Schemes formulated for the development of agro processing industries recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; Scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) the target set and achieved during the last three years, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate any new Scheme for revival of sick spinning units in cooperative sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the schemes finalised by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) are at variance in terms of basic features and conditions approved by the Standing Committee of Agriculture, Finance and other related bodies; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (b) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 243 due for answer on 9th August, 2000.

(b) Department of Food Processing Industries has formulated different Plan schemes for implementation during the 9th Plan for the development of Processed Food Sector. Review of the Plan Schemes particularly with reference to the modalities including pattern of assistance is necessitated on account of feed back and response received from various agencies including the entrepreneurs, so that the bottlenecks are removed and mid-course corrections are carried out to facilitate achievement of the overall objectives.

(c) The schemes of the Department are project oriented and not State specific. Also, the Department does not set up food processing units on its own directly, and only provides financial assistance in the form of soft loan and grant to Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Cooperatives, Private Industry, Public Sector Undertakings, Human Resources Development (HRD) and Research and Development (R&D) institutions for food processing projects. Such assistance provided to different States, including Maharashtra, during the last three years (1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000) is given below :-

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO VARIOUS FOOD PROCESSING UNITS DURIN LAST THREE YEARS.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57.50	20.85	233.650
2.	Assam	4.80	192.00	247.560

3.	Bihar	52.00	-	9.780
4.	Gujarat	25.00	75.00	187.400
5.	Himachal Pradesh	113.08	166.15	15.750
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	7.50	82.565
7	Karnataka	56.75	25.80	126.625
8.	Kerala	102.00	100.32	334.100
9.	Madhya Pradesh	50.00	73.00	44.565
10.	Maharashtra	179.80	146.77	254.940
11.	Manipur	14.43	30.41	56.680
12	Nagaland	10.05	99.00	104.720
13.	Orissa	16.55	131.90	87.100
14.	Punjab	89.45	48.15	25.000
15.	Tamil Nadu	99.50	22.43	122.913
16.	Uttar Pradesh	52.75	78.74	204.726
17.	West Bengal	-	205.60	177.956
18.	Andaman & Nicobar	-	7.50	-
19	Delhi	-	6.00	0.065
20.	Mizoram	36.87	-	-
21.	Meghalaya	-	-	44.300
22.	Haryana	-	-	57.500
23.	Goa	-	-	1.248
Total=		960.53	1437.12	2419.143

(d) & (e): There is an on-going Centrally sponsored Scheme for assistance to the Growers Cooperative Spinning Mills under implementation since 1974-75. During the 9th Five Year Plan a new component of rehabilitation of sick cooperative mills has been included which provides for term loan and investment loan, rescheduling of the loan, reduction in interest rate, penal interest/other penalties, additional margin money, working capital, special terms of repayment. Government guarantee for fresh loan, conversion of loan into equity, exemption/deferment from charges, taxes, penalties, duties, provision of any other relief/concession, etc. to the sick spinning mills for revival.

(f) & (g): The Scheme is being implemented as per the approval of the competent authority. The new component for rehabilitation of sick spinning mills was included on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture and Finance Committee. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is implementing the above scheme and has formulated guidelines as per the recommendations of an expert group. The main recommendations of the Expert Group are

i) Willingness and participation of all concerned parties jointly and severally.
ii) Case to case of individual society.
iii) The potentiality for rehabilitation.
iv) More than Rs. 5.00 crores NCDC assistance to that society.

Accordingly, only those sick spinning mills which fulfill the eligibility for assistance under the scheme are considered for rehabilitation package by NCDC. Thus, in principle, there is no variation in the terms of basic features and conditions approved by different related bodies.